

# Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Wednesday, May 20, 2015



## Weather Forecast :

Today..... Sunny with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the north/northwest at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs mid 70s, river highs low 90s.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the east at 10-15 mph. Overnight lows 57-65.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the east at 10-20 mph. Mountain highs mid 60s, river highs around 90. Overnight lows 57-64.

Extended ..... Fri-Tue: Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Fri, Sat and Tue.  
Highs: mid 70s - mid 90s      Lows: low 50s - mid 60s

Sunset tonight: 8:41 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.

## Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Low

Panther Junction/Foothills: Low

## Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	92	65	69	0.00	0.99	7.58
Chisos Basin	5400'	87	63	66	0.00	0.92	7.84
Rio Grande Village	1850'	106	67	78	0.00	0.83	5.08
Castolon	2170'	106	73	75	0.00	1.44	4.53
Persimmon Gap	2970'	99	68	69	0.00	0.60	5.70
Lajitas	2340'	104	71	75	0.00	1.56	5.65

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	3.79 ft / 75 cfs	3.83 ft / 82 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.58 ft / 75 cfs	2.59 ft / 76 cfs
Johnson's Ranch	15.50	4.36 ft / 69 cfs	4.32 ft / 61 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.10 ft / 160 cfs	4.48 ft / 670 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.77 ft / 341 cfs	4.75 ft / 334 cfs

## Current Park Conditions:

The Santa Elena Canyon Overlook will be closed today for maintenance.

High clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended on the Old Maverick Road.

**Dangerous Heat** - The heat indexes over the next few days will reach 98 degrees in the shade and 113 degrees in the sun. Exercise extreme caution. Sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely when exposure to the sun and physical activity are prolonged; heat stroke is possible.

**Heat safety tips:** Avoid strenuous activity midday, wear light weight light colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen, drink a gallon of water per day and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.

**Extreme water shortage continues throughout the park. Visitors are limited to 5 gallons per day and are encouraged to conserve further when possible.**

**There have been recent thefts of kayaks/canoes and equipment left unattended on sections of the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River. Paddlers are advised against stopping near Sentinels and San Francisco Canyon (River Mile 65-66). Visitors are reminded to stay on the US side of the river and never leave equipment unattended near the US/Mexico border.**